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OF CONTROLLING THE SWITCHING CIRCUIT**

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.